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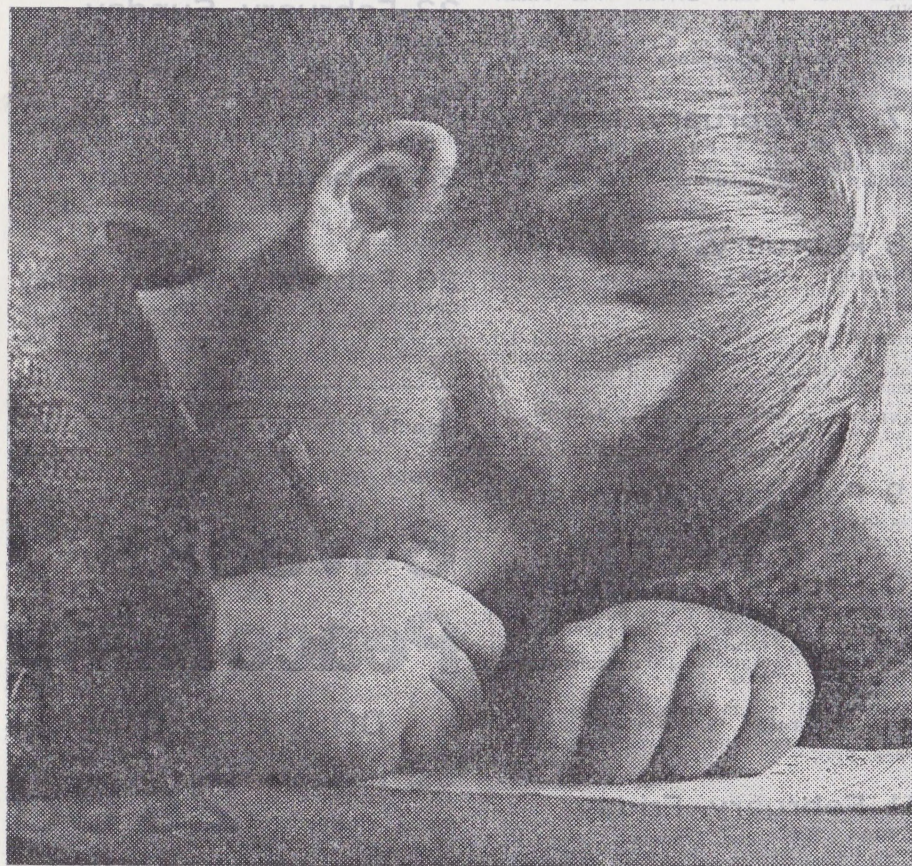
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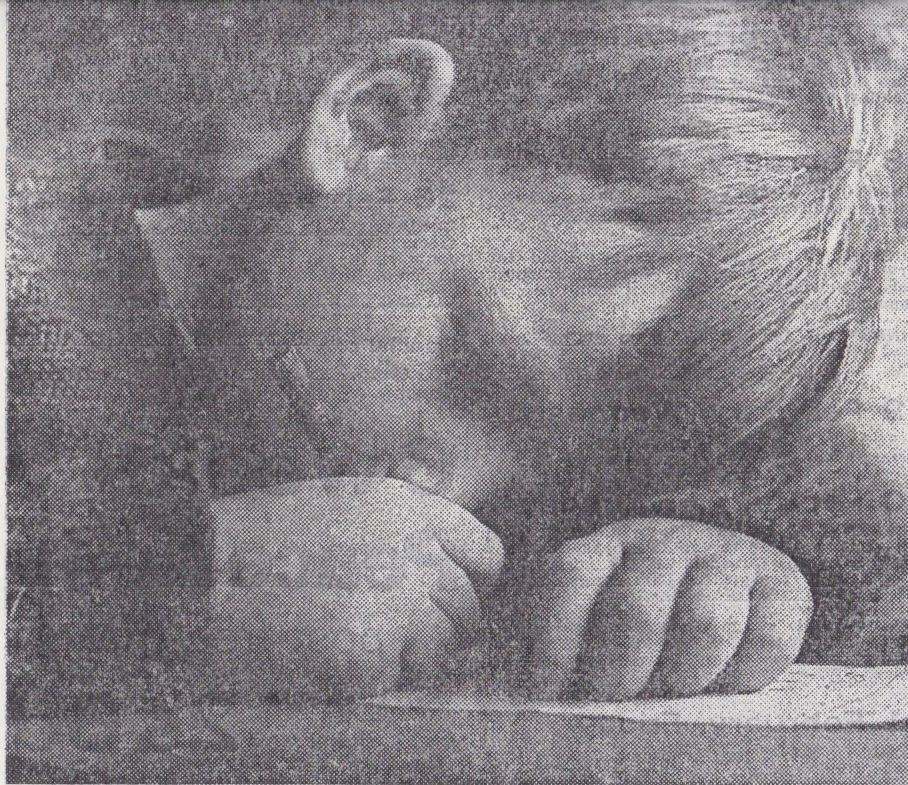
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British education is going through an important change: from being a system where the best was the preserve of birth and wealth it is moving towards becoming one where the best goes to those with the greatest ability. This second conception is now by far the more popular, but this week it received a severe jolt by the publication by MacGibbon and Kee of a book, *The Home and the School*, by J. W. B. Douglas.

Dr Douglas is mainly concerned with the factors which affect a child's performance at school and the ways in which children are selected for different sections of our educational system. His general conclusions - based on a study of over 5,000 children - are not new: children are likely to do better at school if they are healthy, live in decent houses, have parents who are interested in their education, and come from the middle class. It is in the precision and detail with which it demonstrates these conclusions that Dr Douglas's book makes a shattering impact on many currently held assumptions.

Bad home conditions adversely affect the school performance of all children. Not unexpectedly, working-class child-

photo above by Henry Grant

ren are far more likely to have bad home conditions than middle-class children. About 17% of the children from the upper middle class came from unsatisfactory homes, while 72% of the "lower manual" working class did. But working-class children are not only much more likely to come from bad homes; the adverse effect of a bad home is much greater on a working-class than on a middle-class child. Thus middle-class children from bad homes tend to improve their performance on ability tests between the ages of eight and eleven, whereas children from the manual working class get worse.

Many aspects of environmental influence on children's school performance are examined in great detail, and the conclusion is clear-cut: the odds in our competitive school system are heavily stacked in favour of the middle-class child against the working-class child. For example, 41.7% of upper middle class mothers have a high interest in their children's school progress as against 5% among lower manual working class mothers; 77.6% of the first group want their children to stay on at school beyond the minimum leaving age as against 12.9% of the second group; 78.9% of the former make good use of medical services for their children as against 42.4% of the latter.

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But it was also found that "streaming by ability" itself had a curious meaning in practice. "Even when children of the same level of ability are considered, the middle class children tend to be allocated to the upper streams and the manual working class to the lower ones. . . . Those who during the first six years of their lives were said to be dirty, badly clothed and shod are likely to be found in the lower streams." The injustices of the class system, therefore, reinforce the injustices of streaming.

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But, even if the class problem could be eliminated from the definition of "ability", the "reward-for-merit" theory has serious faults: first, streaming by ability tends to exaggerate natural differences because the very fact of being placed in a low stream is detrimental to a child's performance; second, because it would lead to a new class system, no less obnoxious for being based on intelligence (i.e. the ability to pass certain tests) rather than heredity or wealth.

The alternative is to stop thinking of education as a process of training top, middle and bottom children for top, middle and bottom functions in society, and to consider it more as a means of developing the talents of individuals. It is a question of changing the emphasis from the needs of society to the needs of the child. This would require drastic alterations in the way we organised education and spent our money on it (much more would be needed on the underprivileged parts of the system). But, if we want a society based on equality, and not on equal opportunity to acquire a dominating position, then this is what we must do.

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Start of new campaign for integration

New York: thousands in school boycott

Godfrey Featherstone writes: The first of several planned city-wide school boycotts to protest against virtual educational segregation took place in New York on January 3. Nearly half a million children and many teachers stayed away from school for the day. More than half the 450,000 Negro and Puerto Rican pupils were absent from classes and 2,700 white and non-white pupils, parents and teachers picketed 300 of the city's schools.

Ten days before the boycott, Bayard Rustin, chief organiser of last year's Washington March, and 35 volunteers moved in to a Negro church and spent seventeen hours a day organising the details of the boycott. They distributed posters, organised support, arranged one-day "freedom schools" in 200 Negro churches and laid plans for future boycotts.

The boycott caused annoyance among some white sympathisers, but at the same time, reported Hella Pick in *The Guardian* on February 5, "they join in insisting that more funds must be made available to improve schools throughout the city." Bayard Rustin told *Newsweek* (of February 10):

"A number of white liberals will be alienated . . . but these liberals can only realise new insight out of their confusion. By running to the suburbs, the whites are leaving to the Negro the total burden of improving schools. . . . Whites must learn to share this burden. We will force them to learn - and I say force."

A few days before the boycott, the Board of Education offered what it called its "first plan for school integration" which would set up 20 pairs of schools on the "borders" of white and coloured territories in New York. Developing over three years, the scheme would mean that all first, second and third grade pupils would travel to one school and all the fourth, fifth and sixth

grade pupils to the other school. Its disadvantage would be that the time and distance of travelling would be increased for half the children.

The civil rights leaders described this plan as "too little, too late" and went ahead with the boycott. They told the *New York Times* of February 4 that the primary aim of the demonstration was to empty the 168 "ghetto schools" which have an enrolment of 90% or more non-white pupils. Another 100 schools have 50% or more non-whites. Almost three-quarters of New York's coloured children rarely meet a white child in school.

The plan suggested by the civil rights leaders, led by the Rev Milton Galamison, Chairman of the Committee for Integrated Schools, was one for "educational parks", central campuses serving mixed groups of school districts. The main difficulty which faces the New York Educational Board is that the bulk of the white and coloured populations live in virtual segregation; without radical rebuilding programmes - which the civil rights leaders' plan seems to imply - children would have to travel long distances to school.

Some white parents associations are already protesting against the moderate plan of the Educational Board, but the Negro leaders are prepared for Negro children to travel long distances and they feel that white children must travel to Harlem, Brooklyn and other Negro areas. "Behind this drive," wrote Hella Pick in *The Guardian* on January 31, "is not merely a protest against the extent of New York's housing segregation but the contention that schools in white areas are much better equipped and far less overcrowded than in the Negro section."

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only wage-earners in their families to do alternative service in the Timna copper mines in the South Negev; however, this did not save the mines as had been hoped. Both alternative services provide full payment; the pay is high at Timna, but quite low on the merchant ships.

Before the Israeli attack on Egypt in 1956, military service was lengthened to 2½ years, but it has now been reduced to 2 years for men and 18 months for women. This reduction does not mean a lessening of tension with the Arab states; but Israel now has weapons which lessen the need for so many troops.

Michael Freeman

America's free radio saved

The Pacifica Foundation, the non-state, non-commercial, radio station in the United States, has been granted licences by the Federal Communications Commission to continue operating all its three stations. This is very good news. In the December 20 issue of *Peace News* I reported that Pacifica was in danger of being forced out of existence by a "request" (which looked very much like a demand) that its officers swear "non-subversive" oaths. It seemed possible then that the Foundation would have to choose between complying with the request (which would almost certainly have offended many of its best broadcasters and its subscribers) or losing its licences.

Now Pacifica, which has by far the freest and most exciting range of broadcasts of any company in the US, will continue. The FCC has come to the right decision for the best of reasons. According to a report in *I. F. Stone's Weekly*, the Commission said that to give too much weight to complaints about "provocative programming" would allow "only the bland, the inoffensive" on the air. "No such drastic curtailment" it went on, "can be countenanced under the constitution."

People discussing the problem of nuclear weapons in the Middle East seem to blindly justify the Israeli Government's policy on security matters. When one guesses aloud that perhaps Israel is developing nuclear weapons in the Nachal Rubin or Dimona atomic research establishments (which are officially said to be "for peaceful purposes"), usually the reply is: "So what? Why shouldn't we have the bomb when others have it?"

Only a few professors in Jerusalem are taking action about making the Middle East an atom-free zone. They have held several lectures and have issued two pamphlets. The first, published in popular form, but still too dear for ordinary people to buy, includes extracts from the Israeli and international newspapers in an attempt to prove that atomic weapons are being made in Israel. The military censor has refused to pass some of the material of the second pamphlet. The group succeeded, after much discussion, in persuading him to lessen the amount of censored material. Many people have not heard of these or similar activities since the popular press publishes little or nothing about them.

Most people who attach any importance to proposals for atom-free zones or disarmament are more concerned with the

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immediate external and internal problems of Israel. The most pressing problem is the continuance of military rule over the Arabs in Israel. The regulations concerning the notorious "moving licence", which restricted Arab movements and which Arabs had to carry in addition to their identity cards, have been considerably relaxed. But the inhabitants of certain villages in the north and the Bedouins of the Negev are still covered by them. The old regulations still apply also to 700 "suspicious persons" who are blacklisted in order to prevent the setting up of Arab organisations.

The Arab's opportunities for work are limited by (a) the danger of a "confinement order" which prevents them from having fixed employment; (b) the refusal of lodging by the inhabitants of Jewish towns or settlements; (c) the Employment Service's regulations which are intended to prevent "unorganised work". These limitations force the Israeli Arab into accepting in silence any misdeeds done to him.

A recent example of the maltreatment of Arabs was the revelation that a Druze village of 400 people had no means of communication and no doctor. Ten children died of measles because medical aid could not be obtained in time. No Jewish village is without roads, telephones or other means of communication. Often Arab villages are denied the funds to establish these or to install electricity, though near-by Jewish settlements are granted funds.

In January a Jewish girl in soldier's uniform was killed by several Bedouins when she was found stranded on a road in the Negev. There could be many motives for this murder - including that of an oppressed man seeing a woman in the uniform of the oppressor. The newspapers' reaction was not to treat this as a murder which could happen in many varied sets of circumstances, but as part of a war between Arabs and Jews. In the process of investigation several whole tribes were described as "suspect" by the authorities.

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as aid to the tourist industries of Israel and Jordan - also showed that there could be Israeli-Arab co-operation. The Jordanian security men accompanying the Pope were allowed to cross the border, travel through Israel and go back to Jordan quite freely.

The Israeli authorities always attempt to describe the tensions between Israel and the Arab states as arising between "democratic" and "totalitarian" countries. The description doesn't really fit. Israel is eager enough to have relations with new African states which are dictatorships. Israel itself has several totalitarian characteristics: the laws which prevent marriage between people of different religious and national origin; the military rule over the Arabs; the denial of citizenship to those Arabs who were born in Israel, except to a few who spend months and years attempting to obtain it - while every Jew who comes to Israel is automatically granted citizenship by the Law of Return; the nature of the official Zionist propaganda; the denial of employment to non-Zionists and sometimes to those who are not members of the ruling party.

Every year at Passover time the Israeli army organises a large four-day public march to Jerusalem which many people take part in and which receives good press coverage. Last year a group of pacifists planned to go on the march with posters advocating nuclear disarmament and peace in the Middle East. Because the idea was thought of too late, only one pacifist, Shalom Zamir, was able to go. His participation was well received, and people complimented him for being "a brave man" and said "Let us hear what he has to say."

This year there is a plan to organise a strong group of pacifists to take part - the initiative has been taken by a Londoner, Harry Smith, who is staying in an Israeli kibbutz. Any people from abroad who would like to come here in March to take part should write to: J. T. Sjk, P.O. Box 20178, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

EDITORIALS

The right to use Trafalgar Square

The Ministry of Works has still not replied to an application from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, made last December, for the use of Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday. This matter raises an important issue of civil liberties.

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But it is to be hoped that further, and more public, efforts will now be made in this direction. In particular, it would help if CND issued a strong public statement that non-violent discipline is to be followed on the demonstration; distributed a detailed and precise code of discipline to every marcher; and made a request that all who feel unable to follow this code should stay away. Greater emphasis on these points would reduce the likelihood of violence, and might make the police more accommodating.

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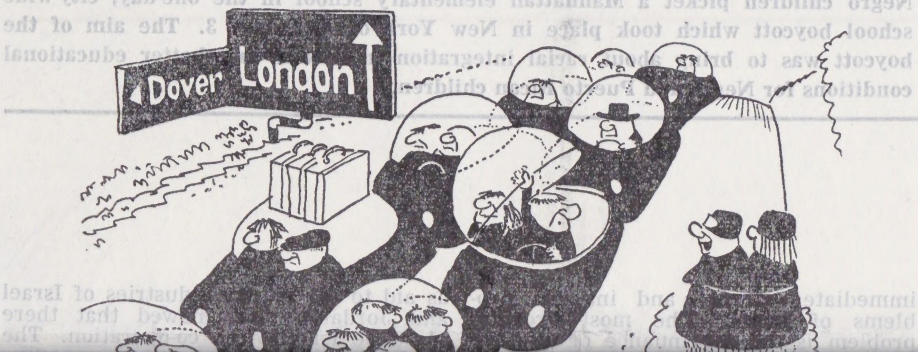
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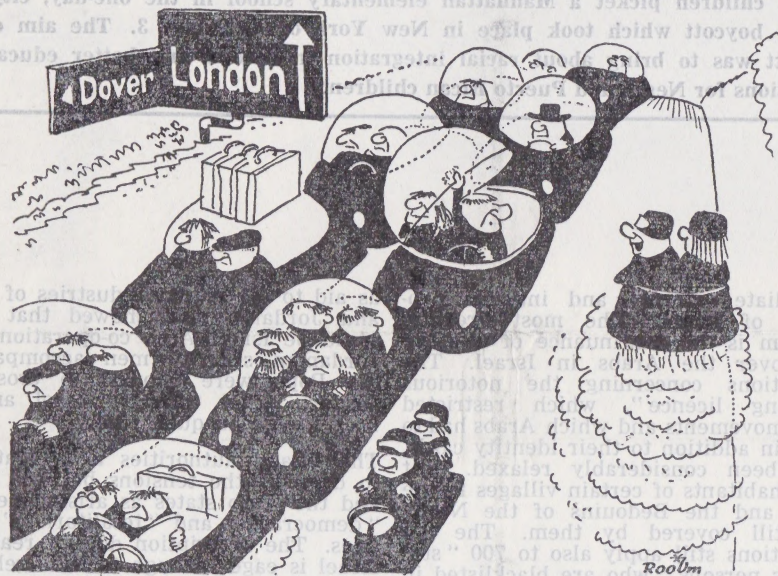
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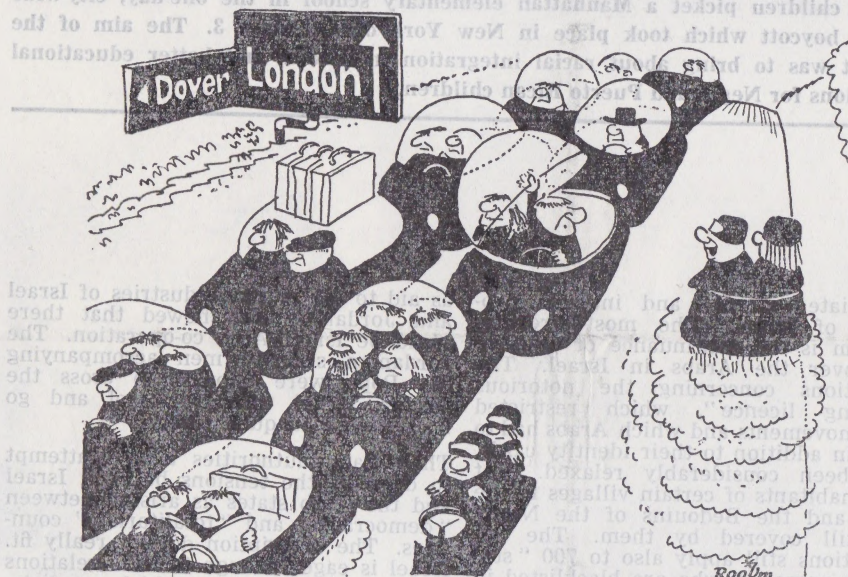


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It doesn't seem to matter where you live: if you make films, you're in trouble. One week we have Peregrine Worsthorne going puce in the columns of the *Sunday Telegraph* over what he calls the "anti-militarist naïveté" of *Dr Strangelove's* audiences; the next, we get a repeat performance from, of all people, Marshal Malinovsky.

From the height of his position as Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Malinovsky has spoken out against "pacifism and abstract rejection of war" in the arts - in particular, films. The artist, he said, "cannot take a stand on a position of abstract humanism and objectivism, forgetting the lofty aims of the struggle, which were written on our banners." As a rearguard action, this one is pretty desperate; for the point of the films which have aroused the Marshal's opposition appears to be precisely that those "lofty aims" were only words on

banners, and were not realised in practice. Instead, there was incompetence and injustice.

Somehow, I don't think Marshal Malinovsky will get away with it. Once people get into the way of asking awkward questions, they aren't easy to stop. I like to think that somewhere in Russia one film-maker is saying to another, "war is far too serious a business to be left to marshals of the army."

Mr Harold Wilson said last weekend that Labour will repeal the Rent Act and replace it by tribunals to settle fair rents; provide low interest loans for housing development; take urban building land into public ownership; tighten up the town planning machinery; and mobilise the building industry to concentrate on essential projects.

He didn't say how all this was going to be done; but it looks as if an intelligent use of land and the lowering of the cost of housing are high on Labour's list of priorities. This will be welcome news for a great many people. A man I met at the bus stop this morning, who had just looked with some wonder on a bowler-hatted gentleman being received

into Trocoll House (the new office of Trollope and Colls, the builders) by a door-opening funkier, commented: "that place must have cost a couple of million, what with the price of land." Then he said, with sudden heat, "that's the one thing that would make me vote Labour, if they'll put a stop to that." He's not the only one, I imagine.

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"The Indian pace bowlers were on for an hour today as there was still a little moisture in the wicket and, in spite of interruptions for riots and a two minutes' silence for Mahatma Gandhi, runs came freely enough. Then the spinners came on and..."

Two recent publications which are well worth reading: *Anarchy* 36 (2s from Freedom Press, 17a Maxwell Road, London S.W.6.), which contains the full story by Donald Room of last year's brick-planting case; and *Poetry from the Left* (3s 6d from Breakthru publications, Densbarn, Lindfield, Sussex), whose title explains itself. As far as the subject-matter goes, that is: for the quality of the poems, every man's his own judge.

No wonder they want to do away with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research: it can't even look after the Imperial Yard.

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Michael Randle talks to Michael Raptis,
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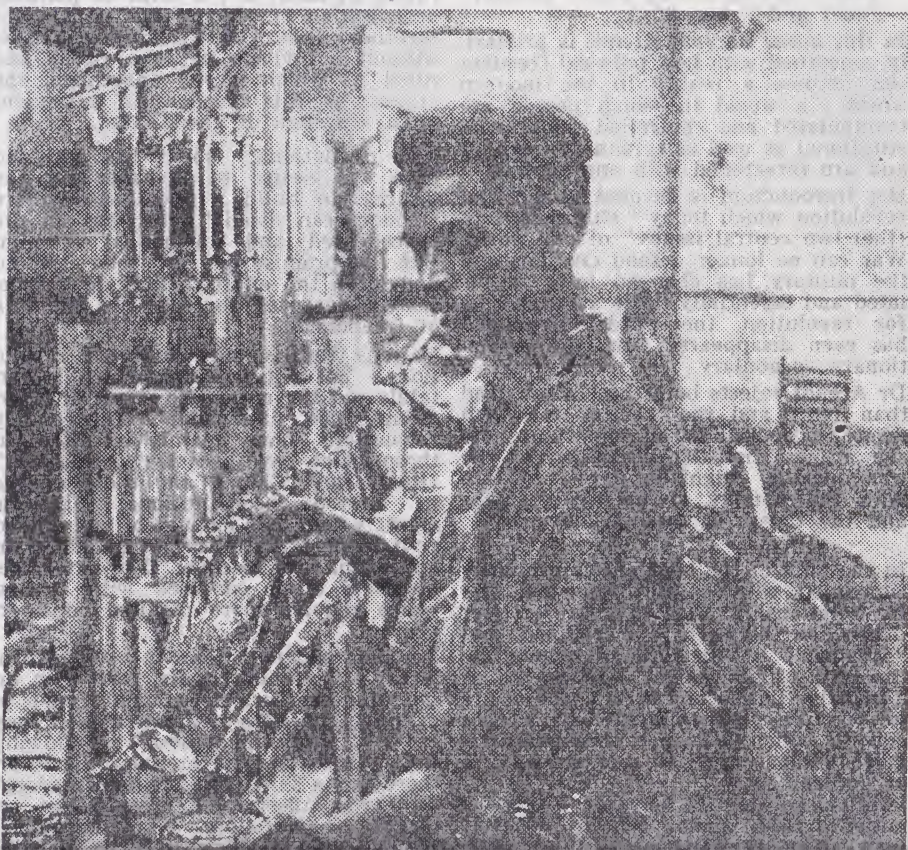
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He then left Greece, going first to Switzerland and later to Paris. He stayed in Paris from 1938 to 1959, when he had to leave France because of his activities in support of the Algerian revolution. During his stay in France he continued his studies and became a graduate of the Town Planning Institute and of the Institute of Statistics of the University of Paris. For the whole of this period he continued to be an active member of the international Trotskyist movement.

After leaving Paris, he went to Holland and was arrested there in June, 1960, for pro-FLN activities. He spent 13 months in prison without trial. He was eventually sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment and was finally released in September, 1961. He then left Holland for Morocco, and stayed there until Algeria became independent when he went to Algeria for the first time. He decided to stay and work in Algeria.

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Randle: Has there been any opposition by the peasants to this policy?

Raptis: The only opposition comes from the richest peasants; all the others have much to gain and nothing to lose.

Randle: Is the socialised sector, the part that has been nationalised, run completely on self-management lines, or are there various methods of organisation?

Raptis: Up to now the exclusive system in the nationalised agricultural sector is the system of self-management committees.

Randle: How are these committees elected and how do they operate?

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Randle: How often does the general assembly meet? Is there any limit to the time that the directors and the other administrators serve?

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He is interviewed here by Michael Randle, who went to Algeria last June for a conference on non-governmental aid to Algeria.



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Randle: What is the position of the peasants?

Raptis: There are almost 600,000 poor peasants owning from half an hectare to ten hectares of land each of very poor quality. The policy of the state towards this sector of the peasantry is very important, not from an economic point of view but from a social point of view.

The policy of the state towards the peasant sector is the following:

1. To help them to modernise their production
2. To include them for the first time in the productive process of the country, because in fact until today they have lived outside of the market;
3. To improve the land, to reclaim new land and to organise them in a system of co-operatives, and to give them help in many fields in both production and marketing.

Randle: Has there been any opposition by the peasants to this policy?

Raptis: The only opposition comes from the richest peasants; all the others have much to gain and nothing to lose.

Randle: Is the socialised sector, the part that has been nationalised, run completely on self-management lines, or are there various methods of organisation?

Raptis: Up to now the exclusive system in the nationalised agricultural sector is the system of self-management committees.

Randle: How are these committees elected and how do they operate?

Raptis: First it is important to stress that the self-management committee system in Algeria is not a doctrinal option; it was thrown up by the needs of the situation. It started as a spontaneous movement when many of the European landowners left the country between March and August 1962, leaving their properties vacant. The only answer, especially in view of the absence of an efficient administration and of technicians, was for the workers themselves to take the initiative and organise themselves to continue production.

For some time this spontaneous self-management movement remained isolated, but very soon the government, and particularly the President, realised the revolutionary importance of this movement and helped to amplify it and to institutionalise it, first by a series of decrees in October 1962 and then by what have become known as the Historic Decrees of March 1963.

Randle: To turn for a moment to the industrial side. How far has this been socialised?

Raptis: Several hundred industrial enterprises have been nationalised; some of these are small or medium

workers' council, who in turn elect the management committee which is the executive body of the workers' council. This management committee is made up of workers and its president is also a worker. The president is assisted by a director who is a technical assistant and is under the authority of the management committee, of the workers council and of the president of the management committee. The director is nominated by the state, because he represents the state inside each farm and factory within the system. But although he is nominated by the state, his nomination must be supported by a communal council of self-management.

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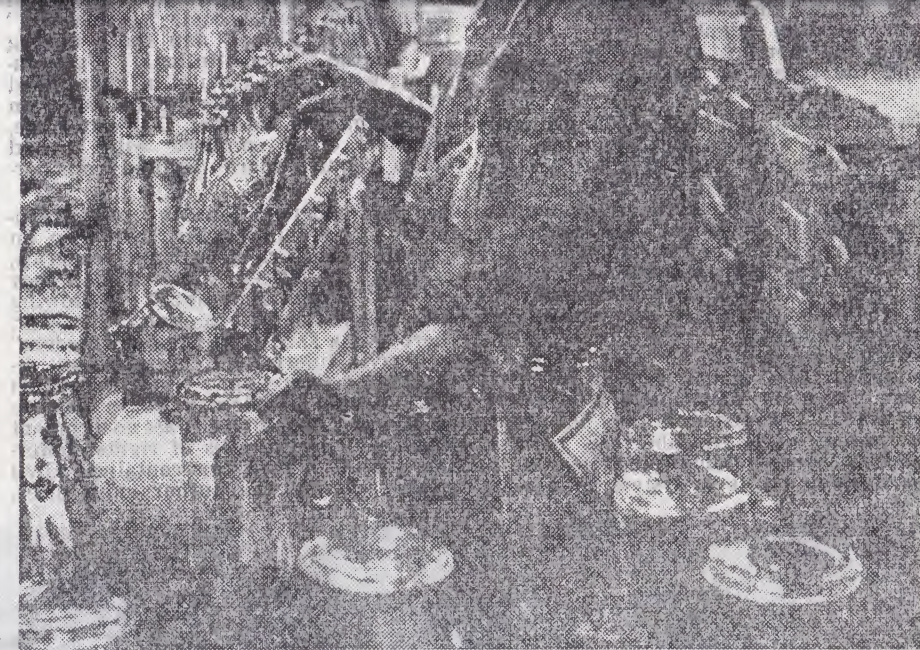
Raptis: No. The purpose is to bring all the workers through this self-management training. Every year a third of the people stand down and a completely new lot are elected.

Randle: How is this self-management system tied in to an overall planned economy?

Raptis: I must stress again that the self-management system in Algeria was not a doctrinal option but arose out of necessity. Even if it were correct it is not yet possible to nominate real directors, because we have not yet got real technical cadres. The only possible way of continuing production is to give a big initiative to the workers.

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Randle: What about marketing arrangements? To what extent is the socialist experiment hampered in any way by the fact that the main market is still in France?

Raptis: A National Office of Trade is now being organised which will have some kind of monopoly of external trade. In addition the different enterprises, agricultural and industrial, will be organised into co-operatives for buying and selling; eventually the whole internal trade will be organised on a co-operative basis.

Randle: Have there been difficulties in internal marketing up to now?

Raptis: Big difficulties, especially for agricultural produce. The industrial enterprises can sell everything they produce without difficulty because of the very great scarcity of industrial products. But in the case of agriculture the main market has been an external market, namely France. The solution is being sought in two ways. Firstly, new

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Raptis: The results have been very, very good. Agricultural production this year was one of the best in recent years in Algeria. The weather was partly responsible for this but it was also the result of the conscientious work of the peasants.

On the industrial side we faced many difficulties because in some places the lack of cadres was a decisive factor. Industrial production did suffer after the departure of the cadres and the disorganisation of the management. But everyone is very hopeful in Algeria that in a short time we shall be able to attain again the previous average level of industrial production.

Randle: Have you found that there is an optimum size for agricultural and industrial undertakings or can this self-management system work no matter how large the unit?

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Gene Sharp reviews a new book

by Hannah Arendt

FREEDOM AND REVOLUTION

On Revolution, by Hannah Arendt. (New York: Viking Press, \$6.50. London: Faber and Faber, 30s.)

In this book, Hannah Arendt is primarily concerned with how political freedom can become a reality in the modern world - a world in which people are manipulated and controlled under constitutional as well as tyrannical regimes and are threatened with annihilation.

Her introduction is devoted to war and revolution which today "still constitute (the) two central issues" of our world. War can no longer defend civilians and the military has changed into "a belated and essentially futile avenger." As for revolution, the word "freedom" has even disappeared from the revolutionary vocabulary.

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ment in which the citizens become "the rulers themselves", a form of political organisation in which the citizens (live) together under conditions of no-rule, without a division between rulers and ruled" - which is *not* anarchism, she argues, as this freedom is dependent upon a system of government.

The revolutionary spirit has included both the desire to liberate and the desire "to build a new house where freedom can dwell." This was an unprecedented and unequalled attempt. But the promise has not been fulfilled and often the effort to liberate has defeated the revolution, i.e., the founding of freedom.

Various results have followed revolutions - but not freedom, which is certainly not the automatic result of liberation. The 19th and 20th century revolutions have mainly resulted in those which have become "permanent" (Russia and China), and those ending in limited "constitutional" governments with a fair amount of guaranteed civil liberties. The former do not even approximate to freedom. The latter are, however, often confused with it and hence require more detailed consideration.

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the same as political freedom, which means "the right 'to be a participator in government,' or it means nothing."

In early America Benjamin Rush clearly stated "the new and dangerous doctrine" which argued that although "all power is derived from the people, they possess it only on the days of their elections. After this it is the property of their rulers."

There have been important gains under the two-party system (a certain control over the rulers, constitutional liberties and "private happiness"). But contrary to the popular view, Dr Arendt argues, the political parties are not instruments of popular control but rather "the very efficient instruments through which the power of the people is curtailed and controlled." Only "interest" and "welfare" can be represented, not "actions" and "opinions".

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the public liberty' or 'preserve the spirit of resistance' to whatever government they have elected, since the only power they retain is 'the reserve power of revolution'."

America became then predominantly the promised land of plenty for Europe's poor. The "taste for public freedom" - while not completely lost - was no longer prominent as the individual withdrew into his private domain. It is uncertain, she says, how much of what is left of the notion of political freedom will survive under the influence of affluence.

Why did the revolutions which sought freedom not lead to freedom? Presented systematically, there are seven often inter-related problems which, Dr Arendt argues, hold the explanation.

1. *Violence.* The violence which has occurred and has been assumed to be necessary in liberation and revolutionary movements has been, the author is convinced, a major reason why they have failed to achieve political freedom. There have been four main reasons for this violence:

(a) It has been assumed that the beginning of something new "must be intimately connected with violence. . . ." However, she argues, violence can sweep away but cannot create. A new free political order can come only by deliberate creative efforts, "by men in common deliberation and on the strength of mutual pledges. . . ."

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(c) Violence and terror in revolutions followed, she maintains, the introduction of the "social question" (especially poverty) into the attempt to establish political freedom. Rage and compassion led to the demand "for swift and direct action, that is, for action with the means of violence."

(This part of Dr Arendt's analysis is, in my opinion, the least adequate in the book. She does not mention the relevant frequently close relationship between economic and political control. Struggles of the poor do not inevitably produce terror. Compassion and rage do not always lead to violence. And swift direct action can be non-violent. This does not, however, invalidate the overall analysis of the book as her point is not that the social question directly leads to disaster in the revolution, but that it leads to violence and terror, and "it is terror which sends revolutions to their doom. . . .")

(d) Revolutionaries have often lost their capacity to see people as human beings and have become cruel, not hesitating to sacrifice people "to their 'principles', or to the course of history, or to the cause of revolution as such."

Thomas Jefferson, left, in the committee reviewing the draft of the American Declaration of Independence which Jefferson had prepared.

After retirement from active political life, Jefferson argued that local units of self-government must be incorporated in the new system of state and federal constitutions. He saw these as a peaceful alternative to recurring revolutions.





A meeting of Bolsheviks in Moscow on June 18, 1917. Hannah Arendt states that various results have followed revolutions, but not freedom. The "permanent" revolutions in Russia and China do not even approximate to freedom. It was the Bolsheviks, she says, who destroyed the soviets.

their appearance in every genuine revolution throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries." They appeared in Paris under Prussian siege in 1870; more important, they were present in the Parisian Commune of 1871, the Russian Revolutions of 1905 and 1917, in Germany in 1918-1919, and in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

Contrary to the expectations of the professional revolutionaries, these new instruments of popular self-government did not regard themselves as mere temporary instruments but "clearly intended to survive the revolution," the author points out. This development contradicted the theories of the professional revolutionaries and what is more important, the assumptions about the nature of power which they shared with the former rulers. They had thought of revolution as a seizure of power, and this, they had imagined, meant a monopoly of the means of violence.

But both had disintegrated and a new power structure had been formed. With no power left to seize, "they could only impose their party organisation in the place of the defunct government or simply join the new revolutionary power centres which had sprung up without their help." The professional revolutionaries generally did not understand that out of the revolution had emerged "an entirely new form of government, with a new public space for freedom. . . ."

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people to be republicans and act as citizens, to *participate* in public business even though the county, state and federal governments were too large to permit immediate participation of all. Thus, Jefferson argued, "these little republics would be the main strength of the great one . . ." and would be part of a wider system.

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3. *Authority.* To last, a new body politic must have "authority" - i.e. belief in its legitimacy - and every revolution therefore faces the problem of how to make the new order legitimate. The abstract concepts of the "nation" or "revolution" (or a combination of them) have usually replaced religion and the absolute sovereign as an absolute source of authority. This has, however, contributed to despotism, not to freedom. Contrary to the usual assumption, one need not search for an "absolute" to provide the necessary authority. It can come instead "from below", from the people coming together and themselves founding their new political order. Such authority is compatible with freedom.

4. *Sovereignty.* There has been in revolutions a failure to think afresh about the problem of sovereignty, i.e. the idea that there exists what Burlamaqui called "an ultimate right of command in society" deriving from a transcendent principle, with absolute authority and bestowing the right of control and coercion of the citizens without the right of resistance. In the French Revolution the doctrine was never really attacked, and the abstraction *le peuple* ("the people" as a unity and with one will) simply replaced the king. "... perhaps the greatest American innovation in politics as such was the consistent abolition of sovereignty within the body politic of the republic, the insight that in the realm of human affairs sovereignty and tyranny are the same."

5. *Creativity.* Revolutionaries have also failed to establish a new order which is both lasting and creatively adaptable. Instead, either freedom has been destroyed in the effort to preserve the new order against change, or by the effort to ensure continuous minority-directed change on the non-participating citizens.

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Revolutions have thus failed to establish political freedom for reasons which reach down into the very nature of politics itself. There is obviously no ready-made system which can be adopted overnight. But, Dr Arendt argues, there exist very important contributions to a solution. There is experience - and a very little theory - which give us some directions. The experiences she lists are European and American, though examples could also have come from non-Western sources.

There has been important modern experience with direct participating democracy in the course of various revolutionary situations which, Dr Arendt maintains, indicates the beginnings of a new system of government. Such a system, she argues, could potentially avoid the dangers of violent revolution, successfully solve the above listed problems, prevent tyranny, and also transcend the limitations of party-parliamentary government.

This experience with the germ of an alternative political system is drawn from America, France, Russia, Germany, and Hungary.

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In France there emerged in the course of the Revolution (rather than prior to it as in America) bodies of popular participation which were "the unexpected and largely spontaneous outcome of the Revolution itself." These were the Parisian Commune (with its 48 sections) and the *sociétés populaires* (which spread all over France). Collot d'Hervois wrote that the societies "openly aimed at the establishment of a new federalism."

These organs of direct self-government each possessed a power structure of its own and together they diffused power throughout the political society, removing the distinction between the ruler and the ruled. This popular movement was a clear danger to centralised state power, constituting the first beginnings "of a true republic." There was, therefore, a conflict between the communal movement of popular self-government and the revolutionary parties committed to centralism and seeking control for themselves. This was not, Dr Arendt insists, a fight between the street and the body politic, but "the conflict between the people and a mercilessly centralised power apparatus."

Both Robespierre and Saint-Just once supported the popular bodies, but when they came to power they assisted in their destruction. The Jacobin government and the parties infiltrated these bodies and having destroyed them from within, transformed them into organs of the parties and the central government and into instruments of terror. Freedom then ceased to be public and was left only the area of one's private life.

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The council system, however, is as old as the party system. Although ignored, without a conscious tradition, an organised influence or a developed theory, this system repeatedly emerged spontaneously. It has given the hope of "a new form of government that would permit every member of the modern egalitarian society to become a 'participator' in public affairs. . . ." And it was this hope "that was buried in the disasters of the twentieth-century revolutions." Buried, perhaps, but Dr Arendt's whole discussion is based upon the conviction that this hope is not dead and may yet revivify politics and establish a new system of government going beyond limited constitutional government to a system of genuine political freedom.

The councils have combined stability with capacity for creative change. While being organs of action they have also been organs of order. They sought, not to bring in a utopia, but to lay the foundations of a new republic which would establish freedom and end forever the era of invasions and civil wars. Witnesses to this development, Antweiler has written, "could sense the emergence and the formation of a force which one day might be able to effect the transformation of the State."

Both the 1917 Russian Revolution and the 1956 Hungarian Revolution showed, Dr Arendt continues, the bare outlines of the emergence of a government based on the council system, as the local councils quickly began "a process of co-ordination and integration through the formation of higher councils of a regional or provincial character, from which the delegates to an assembly representing the whole country could be chosen."

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AN ANATOMY OF FOREIGN AID-6

Michael Barratt Brown

Aid is all very well for the hungry nations, but if they cannot get advantageous terms for their trade with richer countries, they may still become poorer and poorer. Michael Barratt Brown shows how economic decisions taken in Europe affect the lives of millions of people in the underdeveloped countries.

I have to confess at once that for a long time now my favourite economic reading matter has been in the reports of the United Nations economists in New York and in the UN regional economic commissions. It is not simply that the style is lucid and the facts are well marshalled; what is much more, they have been forced to develop a new framework of economic theory, which has been expounded with most distinction by Dr Gunnar Myrdal¹ and Mr Sidney Dell.² In this theoretical framework the economics of advanced industrial lands are the special case, as Mr Dudley Seers has recently emphasised³, and not the general assumption.

The result is that they provide a refreshingly, if often frighteningly, world-oriented picture of current human history. Even with the time lag inevitable in the compilation of world statistics, the movement of a single figure in a United Nations' economic index - for example in that of the terms of trade of manufactured and primary products - can tell us more of the trend of international events than a hundred correspondents' reports in the press.

Thus, the latest *Bulletin of the Economic Commission for Europe*⁴ introduces a study of "Recent Changes in Europe's Trade" and "Recent Economic Developments in Europe" with the comment that the recovery of world manufacturing activity in 1962 after the relative stagnation in 1961 could be expected to lead with a slight time-lag, to renewed growth in world trade in 1963 perhaps of the order of 10%. It goes on to say:

"Imports into developed countries from developing countries are closely geared to changes in economic activity in the former group; and

but the meaning, I hope, is clear. The developed countries make the running, but with unplanned world trade, developed and developing countries depend on each other's responses for sustained advance. Growth begets growth, but a check to growth starts a vicious spiral of decline.

From 1951 to 1962 the terms of trade of the developing lands suffered a steady decline. Though world trade grew with each expansion of manufacturing output, most of the trade growth, even in primary products (including food), has been taking place in the developed lands. The volume of imports of primary products by the more developed lands from the less developed lands in the 1950s hardly grew, except in the case of petroleum. This is the conclusion of the UN's 1962 *World Economic Survey* of "The Developing Countries in World Trade".⁵ As a result, over the decade the developed lands raised their share of world trade from 60% to 67%, while the developing lands' share fell from 30% to 20%, the difference being made up by the increased share of the Communist countries. The developing lands have increasingly depended on aid and on using up their reserves to finance the imports from the developed lands for their industrialisation programmes.

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I have to confess at once that for a long time now my favourite economic reading matter has been in the reports of the United Nations economists in New York and in the UN regional economic commissions. It is not simply that the style is lucid and the facts are well marshalled; what is much more, they have been forced to develop a new framework of economic theory, which has been expounded with most distinction by Dr Gunnar Myrdal¹ and Mr Sidney Dell.² In this theoretical framework the economics of advanced industrial lands are the special case, as Mr Dudley Seers has recently emphasised³, and not the general assumption.

The result is that they provide a refreshingly, if often frighteningly, world-oriented picture of current human history. Even with the time lag inevitable in the compilation of world statistics, the movement of a single figure in a United Nations' economic index - for example in that of the terms of trade of manufactured and primary products - can tell us more of the trend of international events than a hundred correspondents' reports in the press.

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There is, however, one question arising from *On Revolution* which needs fuller exploration. Dr Arendt - at least at the time the book was written, in 1960-61 - does not distinguish sufficiently between the structure of political organisation on the one hand and techniques of struggle and sanctions on the other. She gives the impression that the alternative to political violence is the council system, which can be only partly true. The provision *only* of an alternative form of government is an incomplete solution to the problems Dr Arendt poses. The council system is a possible substitute for other types of government. Violence for political ends, however, though intimately connected with certain types of government, is not a form of political organisation. Violence is in politics a technique of action, a means of struggle, and the usual ultimate sanction used to preserve a political system against attack or to impose its will upon certain dissident members of the society. The council system is not, therefore, the exact counterpart and substitute for political violence.

The problem is illustrated if we ask how a widespread council system of government is to defend itself against the political police and troops of professional revolutionaries seeking to impose a centralised one-party system -

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as in Russia following the 1917 revolution. Or how an established council system is to defend itself from foreign troops of a neighbouring dictatorship - as in Hungary in 1956. The council system is then *by itself* an inadequate answer. There must also be a technique of struggle which is both effective and compatible with that system of government, i.e., which is compatible with freedom, popular participation and the diffusion of power.

Basically, a technique of struggle and such sanctions can only be either violent or non-violent. The councils are probably unsuited to wielding effectively the modern forms of warfare against formidable opponents, and if they were, the strong centralising tendencies of such violence could weaken the council system itself. Guerilla warfare is a possible answer, but it presents other difficulties. Another possibility is non-violent action, which of course requires further development and attention to difficult problems it would pose.

Violence in politics is not - as Dr Arendt sometimes gives the impression - simply the result of irrational rage. Violence - as she would probably agree - is often intended to be instrumental in achieving some desired goal. Doubtless some such ultimate sanction, reserved as a threat or used in struggle, is necessary for all political societies, no matter how limited or widespread territorially, and no matter how tyrannical or how free. If that sanction is not to be violence - which the author blames for much of the disasters of revolution - then it apparently must take a non-violent form.

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the very theory of power which Dr Arendt presents: "... power comes into being only if and when men join themselves together for the purpose of action, and will disappear when they disperse and desert one another." "... human power ... is simply non-existent unless it can rely on others; the most powerful king and the least scrupulous of all tyrants are helpless if no one obeys them, that is, supports them through obedience; for, in politics, obedience and support are the same."

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But both books are intended only to open a rethinking of politics in light of the inadequacies of traditional thought and practice, and in face of the dual problems of modern war and totalitarianism. They are challenges which wait to be accepted.

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In a participating, creative political order, men have the opportunity, says Dr Arendt, to achieve a genuine satisfaction and happiness which can be gained in no other way.

It is easy with any book to argue about

Cuba marchers go back to jail in Albany

Seven Quebec-Cuba marchers were arrested on Monday, February 3, for vigiling and leafleting outside Turner Air Force base near Albany. Five of them were tried on February 4 and were sentenced to 30 days for "parading without a permit" and "refusing the lawful order of a police officer." Two girls who were also arrested refused to co-operate in their trial and were carried to court. When they refused to walk to the front of the court, City Recorder Durden said that they would not receive trial until they were prepared to co-operate.

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had been taken into custody the previous Monday when he went to the city hall to ask Albany's Police Chief, Laurie Pritchett, what charges were entered against the seven marchers arrested earlier that day. In court, Pritchett contended that Robinson's manner had been "argumentative and belligerent." Robinson testified that his manner had been peaceful and was backed up in this by Dr Arthur Samuels, a New York professor of biophysics, who had accompanied him. Dr Samuels described the arrest as an "arbitrary use of police state tactics." Robinson was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days. In addition he was ordered to serve the remaining 11 days of an earlier probationary sentence arising from his participation in the first attempted march through Albany on December 23.

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The Defence Minister, Sven Anderson, maintains that if Sweden reduces its defences, the country will constitute a power vacuum which a major foreign state would feel inevitably urged to fill. "This revolt of the 31 MPs," comments Henry Whyte, "is symptomatic of the differences within the Social-Democratic party on the defence issue. A further motion by a small group of pacifist MPs urging that Sweden say no to atomic weapons and urging a reduction of the defence budget, which normally would pass fairly unnoticed, will now help to strengthen the case for a thoroughgoing ventilation of the defence issue."



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Bailey, Anglican priest, Rev R. J. Billington, Methodist minister. Lay members of the group include a student, Elizabeth Phelps, a railway worker, Jack Nutley, a secretary, Anita Hicks, a retired teacher, Gladys Jeffery, and the secretary of FoR, Max Parker.

In London last night a service was being held at the St George's German Church in the East End at the same time as a service in Dresden was being attended by Christians of all denominations.

Verdict 'totally wrong' - judge

A South African judge commented in the Supreme Court Circuit Division on January 30 that a jury's verdict in finding two men "not guilty" of murdering an African was "totally wrong."

Ivan Hardwich, a European, and Nopol-she Dumase, an African, both officials of the Forestry Department, were charged with murdering Ngakanana Sihlanu, an African, in the Elliotsdale district of the Transkei during May last year. They pleaded "not guilty."

Before discharging the two men, reported the *Natal Mercury* on January 31, Mr Justice Jennet said: "It is not my practice to comment on a jury's decision, but in this case I am going to do so. The verdict is totally wrong and I am prepared to go on record as having said so."

In his summing up the judge said it was common cause that Sihlanu had died of a bullet wound caused by a shot fired by Hardwich, but the jury had to decide whether it was a lawful or an unlawful shooting.

One of the most important features of the case, he said, was that Sihlanu was shot in the back.

The defence had argued that Hardwich had fired in self defence when he and Dumase were attacked in the forest.

South Africa: 49 assaults alleged

Forty-nine complaints of assaults by policemen or warders on 90-day detainees in South Africa have been made since last May, Mr Vorster, the Minister of Justice, told Mrs Helen Suzman, the only Progressive Party MP, in the South African Parliament on January 31.

Twenty-three people said they had been hit or kicked, 20 said they had been given electric shocks and three others complained of other assaults.

Mr Vorster said that investigation of 32 of the complaints had been completed and 17 were still being investigated. He went on to say that none of the cases had been found to have "substance."

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Korea: still room for research

Korea: The Limited War, by David Rees. (Macmillan, 50s.)

If we are to learn how to get along without war, it is important to study any successful attempts there may have been to limit its scope. This certainly includes the Korean War, although it was not a very encouraging example of limitation. It was a limited war mainly in the sense that it was fought on someone else's territory. Still, General MacArthur was prevented from attacking Manchuria, the Chinese abstained from bombing Japan, atomic weapons were not used. A dangerous international situation was kept under control. What pressures achieved this? There is room for a lot of research. Unfortunately, David Rees tells a story rather than conducts an inquiry. The various campaigns are described in great detail, as are the issues raised in the US Senate's probe into the MacArthur dismissal. But he accepts his material very much in the terms in which he finds it.

This is especially evident in what he says about the Chinese intervention in November 1950, when the UN troops were advancing on the Manchurian border. Mr Rees seems to think that China should have been reassured by such statements as Truman's (in September) that he hoped "the people of China would not be misled or forced into fighting against the UN and the American people who have always been and still are their friends" - at least, they would have been reassured if it

had not been for the distorting effect of Marxism. Mr Rees considers that it was "not unreasonable for Washington to think the Chinese were bluffing" when they threatened to intervene, even though Acheson later acknowledged that they might be interested in the Manchurian border and the Yalu hydro-electric plant. When the Chinese carried out their threat, the Americans felt themselves to have been fooled. As Mr Rees makes clear, to say what you're going to do, and then do it, is an example of oriental deviousness at its most sophisticated.

Mr Rees's argument is blurred more than it need be by his unwillingness to admit the full provocativeness of the advance on the Yalu. "There was no possibility," he insists, "that MacArthur had provoked the Chinese counter-offensive." In the last chapter, indeed, he even argues that MacArthur might prove after all to have been right in his desire to extend the war. If eventually the West submits to communism, then he *will* have been proved right. This judgment shows little sense of what Walter Millis has called the "hypertrophy of war": its conversion from an instrument of policy into "a horror of potential slaughter and destruction intolerable to any rational and decent mind." It is significant that Mr Rees reduces the awareness of this so impressively conveyed in R. W. Thompson's *Cry Korea* to a mere depression at the horrific effects of superior firepower against superior manpower.

Anti-war feeling figures chiefly as a willingness to be duped by Communist propaganda, or as an attitude easily transformed into support for MacArthurite impatience with the discipline of limited war. George Kennan's emphasis on the political rather than the military side of "containment" is barely mentioned. Yet one would have thought it was of central importance to his discussion. We have still to wait for a book which will examine the impulse given by the Korean War to efforts to find new ways of controlling conflict in the nuclear age.

ALGERIA

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Raptis: This is a question which is now under study in Algeria - to find the optimum size for agricultural and industrial production. The considerations involved are both economic and social. From an economic point of view you can say in the case of agriculture that very big farms are the best. But when you have a very big farm and you try to diversify the production, which is absolutely necessary, the problems involved in the administration of the farm become much more complicated. Since we are short of technical cadres it is not recommended at this stage to go towards the construction of very big economic units, either in farms or factories.

Letters to the Editor

Easter march

There seems to be some confusion about the aims and policy of the 1964 Easter March which I hope I may be able to clarify.

We shall march this year as always in support of the full policy of the Campaign. Our leaflets, posters and banners will proclaim our opposition to all nuclear weapons, to all nuclear bases and to all nuclear alliances, including NATO and SEATO.

The Council agreed, however, to give special emphasis to the renunciation of the British independent nuclear force as a lead to the prevention of spread. This, they believed, would provide a clear link with the defence issues of the General Election and with marches in other countries on which prevention of spread will be a major theme.

Naturally, in demanding the renunciation of the British force, we shall not support the proposal that they should be handed over to NATO control. We shall demand a bonfire of the lot - V-bombers and missiles, Vulcans, Victors, Blue Steels and Polaris.

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Our incapacity to fear

Satish Kumar, writing in *Peace News* of January 10, 1964, has complained against Bertrand Russell by saying: "He advocates nuclear disarmament very strongly, but it seems to me that his demand is based on fear. . . . He is afraid of it. I don't know but if out of this fear we achieve nuclear disarmament, how much help will it be to us?" I would not like to criticise what Satish Kumar has said, nor defend Bertrand Russell, because I think it is quite unnecessary. What is necessary is to try to understand him more carefully and deeply. In doing so, I am sure the following few lines from Günther Anders will be very helpful. (*A Matter of Life*, edited by Clara Urghart.)

"It is our capacity to fear which is too small and which does not correspond to the magnitude of today's dangers. . . . We are living in the

age of inability to fear. Our imperative: expand the capacity of your imagination, means in concrete, increase your capacity to fear. Therefore, don't fear for itself, have the courage to be frightened and frighten others too. Frighten thy neighbour as thyself. This fear, of course, must be of a special kind: a fearless fear, since it excludes fearing those who might deride us as cowards; a stirring fear, since it should drive us into the streets instead of under cover; a loving fear, not fear of the dangers ahead, but for the generations to come."

I am convinced that it is this fearless fear, this stirring fear, this fear for the generations to come which has been driving this eminent 90-year-old philosopher literally into the streets and undergoing extreme hardships and sufferings.

Jawaharlal Jain,
Delhi-Peking Friendship March,
Maitri Ashram,
Lilabari, Assam.

Police and authority

I cannot accept Ted Dunn's reply (February 7) to my letter. He says "... the ultimate basis of the police lies in the extent that people respect the law." This is true in the sense that all government, no matter how coercive, depends ultimately upon the fact that people are prepared to put up with it. The population in most countries easily outnumber all the governmental forces, police and army, and if they really wanted to, and rose together, they could simply overwhelm them all by sheer weight of numbers.

In real life however, this situation rarely happens. What generally happens is that a comparatively small minority become a threat to the established order, and the police have the job of putting them down, which they do by force, physical force. If they do not possess enough physical force they call for the army, as happened in the case of the Sidney Street siege in this country, or the Bonnot gang in France. Not only are the police in most countries heavily armed, they are ultimately able to fall back upon the military when things get out of hand.

Does Ted Dunn really believe that the world's peace is kept by the UN? In backward parts of the world, like the Congo, small bodies of armed men can preserve a limited measure of order, but the UN has no power over the two big power blocs. What keeps the peace is the fact that it is in the interest of the two super-states to divide the world between them. When China becomes sufficiently powerful to challenge them it is probable the three brigands will come to an accommodation, and split the swag, the rest of the world, three ways.

The UN is no more than a useful club, where the representatives of the various states can meet and argue, and abuse each other, but I suspect the real decisions are taken elsewhere, behind the scenes. However, if the UN did become an effective world authority, a world government in short, it would probably, in its efforts to control such a large area, become either very totalitarian and centralist, or else enfeebled and with a permanent tendency to split up into its component parts, which would bring us back to where we started from. Britain could not police Cyprus because she is herself enfeebled, and no longer as powerful as she was. The Soviet Union however, which is a state at the height of its power, was able to crush Hungary without too much difficulty. The UN of course could do nothing. (In fact the UN could not even stop Britain, France and Israel in their attack on Egypt. But American pressure could.)

One of the reasons why the world has been in a sorry mess throughout history is that the authority of small groups of ruthless people is accepted and followed by the majority of the population. What we have to do is to persuade people that they should decide things for themselves instead of trusting their leaders to decide for them.

Arthur W. Uloth,
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of London Sessions as meaning that any "advertising" leaflet must be submitted for approval to the Commissioner. If it asks for funds, solicits members, suggests attendance at an event it is an advertisement. If it only states facts (such as the Arrowsmith pamphlet) it would seem to be exempt.

It was agreed that almost every trade van, as well as many other things, were un-approved advertisements, and equally liable, but there has only been one other conviction in the last 97 years. This seems a most blatant form of victimisation as well as an attempt to impose political censorship by the police. This is not only a matter of civil rights; the prevention of leafleting and poster parades will very seriously hinder the work of many organisations.

A further case is being heard on February 19, at Guildhall at 10.30 a.m., and we hope that as many people as possible will show their protest by leafleting and "advertising" in the City at that time, with as many different types of material as possible.

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21b Carlton Drive, London S.W.15.

Rwanda

The massacre of men, women and children in Rwanda is reported to be claiming 1,000 victims a day. It is said to be the deliberate policy of the Hutu government.

Just what are the UN in Rwanda up to? One report has emanated from them since the massacres began, dubbing the whole terrible affair "an internal dispute." If this is what the UN calls an internal dispute; men with their hands and legs chopped off, children and women mutilated and thrown in heaps into the rivers, villages and areas of the "refugee camps" pillaged and burnt, it seems nothing less than global warfare would move them to action.

Grimond and some other Liberal MPs have tabled a motion, I understand, in the House of Commons "urging the Government" to have our UN delegation in New York raise the matter in the General Assembly.

I feel action is dictated immediately. I will give up my time and energy to organising some kind of coherent protest directed at the Government if it

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I said the "indiscriminate use of the word Fascist by Communists and other rabid people" hardly merits discussion. This is an objective statement.

Many people have taken for granted the garbled reports on Spain published in the press at the time. One of the greatest successes of the Communists was that of persuading the press of the world to describe the Moscow-inspired Republicans as "loyalists" and the Spanish armies under Franco as "insurgents." The issues at stake in Spain during the civil war there were at no time presented impartially by our press. Thinking people have become much wiser since.

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D. F. Conlan,
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Sparkhill,
Birmingham 11.

Leafletting

As regular readers of *Peace News* will know, the City of London Police have recently obtained a number of convictions against leafleters under section 9 of the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1867, which states that any "picture, print, board or placard" being carried on foot, horseback or vehicle, must be of a "form and manner approved by the Commissioner of Police." The area affected is six miles from Charing Cross, the penalty ten shillings.

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Grimond and some other Liberal MPs have tabled a motion, I understand, in the House of Commons "urging the Government" to have our UN delegation in New York raise the matter in the General Assembly.

I feel action is dictated immediately. I will give up my time and energy to organising some kind of coherent protest, directed at the Government, if it doesn't move immediately on this. I'd be glad to hear from others so inclined. Though naturally I'd prefer a protest directed from London.

Roger Moody,
20 Beckington Road,
Knowle, Bristol 3.

Vivisection

John Richards, in his letter about bacteriological warfare (January 31), says that he is no anti-vivisectionist, as though to be one were in some way shameful. Mr Richards is rightly distressed at the sufferings of animals used in bacteriological warfare research; but animals used for medical research do not suffer less because the purpose of the research differs. If it is the suffering the animals endure that bothers Mr Richards he most certainly should be an anti-vivisectionist.

Mrs Averil Morrill,
164 Elizabeth Avenue,
Lt Chalfont,
Amersham, Bucks.

Unfair

I should like to draw your attention to the difference in prison sentences imposed for non-payment of the same fine. After the Marham demonstrations last year I was fined £5, refused to pay and got seven days. Peter Allen, who was also fined £5 and refused to pay, got one month. Can anything be done about this unfairness?

Lily Lee,
58 Clarendon Road,
Norwich.

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East Germany to hold Easter marches

Adam Roberts writes: The East German Peace Council, a branch of the World Council of Peace, has announced that there will be a number of marches in East Germany this Easter. Reactions in peace groups in Germany and England have been varied.

The news was first reported in the *Deutsche Volkszeitung*, which quoted Heinz Willman, Secretary General of the East German Peace Council, as saying that there would be Easter marches in the DDR. The marches are

being held by the Deutsche Freie Jugend (German Free Youth). One will end at Wartburg, and two at former Nazi concentration camps. It is understood that the marches are to express sympathy for the West German Easter marches and will carry the same slogans as the West German marches, merely adding some of their own.

Peace councils in Communist countries are noted for their adherence to the policies of their own governments, and it remains to be seen whether the

Deutsche Freie Jugend will be any more independent than others. The fact that there appears to be a very close connection with the East German Peace Council suggests that this is very unlikely.

The new move has taken the West German Easter March committee by surprise. Dr Andreas Buro, its executive director, was not informed officially before the newspaper account appeared, but the London office of the World Council of Peace has confirmed the re-

port. The marches, it said, were to be at Wartburg, Sachsenhausen, and Buchenwald.

The slogans of the West German Easter March committee, which are now to be carried in East Germany, have always had a largely multilateralist emphasis, and though the committee is certainly not Communist, East German Communists will find little difficulty in using its slogans.

Although the East German marches, with their use of the same slogans, could be the kiss of death for the West German movement, people in peace organisations in Britain hope that the new development will open out opportunities, particularly for sending delegations and speakers to East Germany at Easter. Regrets have been expressed that the marches in East Germany were announced without any prior negotiations, especially as a German representative of the World Council of Peace was present at the Congress of the International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace in Tyninge, Sweden, last month.

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